

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 24, 2015

Norman C. Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

Earlier this month the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) completed an annual planning resource auction that resulted in significantly higher capacity prices for central and southern Illinois. Specifically, this year's capacity prices for MISO Zone 4 jumped, from \$16.75 per MW-day in 2014-2015, to \$150 per MW-day for 2015-2016. Not only is \$150 per MW-day a 900 percent increase from the previous year, but this year's capacity rate for Zone 4 is also more 40 times the rate in each of MISO's eight other zones.

Given this vast discrepancy from year-to-year and zone-to-zone, we are writing to inquire as to whether any review or investigation has determined if the rules of the planning resource auction were properly followed. Additionally, if the rules were followed, will FERC consider changes to the market rules to prevent similarly unanticipated rate spikes moving forward?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress

RODNEY DAVIS
Member of Congress

MIKE BOST
Member of Congress